

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] A gas-fed incubator for cultivating human or animal cells or tissues is known from DE 3815528 C1. This incubator has an inner housing that can be closed by means of a door[.] ~~and that~~ Further, the incubator is surrounded by a heat-insulating outer housing, wherein a humidifier is arranged in the floor area of the inner housing[.] ~~and electrical~~ Electrical heating elements are arranged underneath the floor of the inner housing and in the area of the side walls. The humidifier is realized in the form of a floor pan holding a water bath, wherein the heating elements lie flat against the outside of the floor[.] ~~and~~ The heating elements are bent upwards in the area of the side walls and the rear wall of the inner housing such that they project past the plane of the inner-housing floor and thus heat the transition region between the floor and side or rear wall. In order to achieve a high relative humidity in the test space, the water is heated quickly and uniformly, wherein condensation on the inner wall is prevented to a large degree.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] According to Figure 1a, the incubator has a housing 1 that can be sealed from the outside and that has side walls 2, a rear wall that is not visible, and also floor and cover plate 3, wherein a front door 5 that can pivot about a vertical axis 4 seals the housing 1 against the surrounding atmosphere. The front door has a control panel 6 with display elements 7 and also activation elements 8, wherein the actual operating switch 9 is arranged in the lower left region of a frame plate 11 surrounding the front opening[.] ~~and this~~ This region is not covered by the closed front door 5. The bottom side of housing 1 of the incubator has feet 12 that can be adjusted in height and that are realized such that they can be fixed to stacked elements 13 of the cover plate of an incubator housing that is already present, if necessary. In this way, it is possible

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to stack two or three incubators one on another. Furthermore, in the lower part of the front region of the housing 1, there is a small hole 14 for temporary preserving of samples for the incubator.